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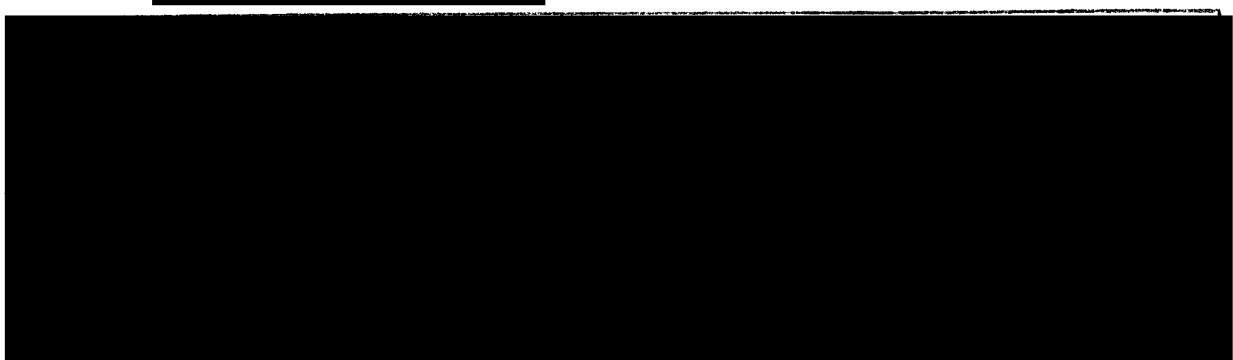
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1. During November and December 1949, the number of Japanese in North Korea increased considerably. Larger numbers than before were seen on the streets in the eastern coastal cities of Majin (130-15, 42-10), Chongjin (129-49, 41-46), and elsewhere. The fertilizer factory in Hungnam received an additional fifty Japanese technicians in November 1949. Many North Koreans believe the Japanese arrived from Siberia.
2. KIM Kŏn (金 權),* chief of the central committee of the League of Koreans in Japan, has organized in Japan an underground group of Koreans under the direct supervision of the North Korea State Security Bureau. KIM, in cooperation with the League of Koreans in Japan, selected ten Korean university students in Japan for special training in the North Korean Labor Party's political staff members' training school at Sadong. The trainees were dispatched from Tsuruga in smuggling boats on 17 January 1950 and landed at Wonsan (127-26, 39-10), North Korea. They were welcomed by staffs of the local youth association, women's organization, and North Korean Labor Party headquarters.
3. After six months special training, these students are to return to Japan as agents of the North Korean State Security Bureau. Their function will be to maintain liaison with North Korea and to collect information concerning military, economic, and cultural affairs in Japan. The group, which is to operate throughout Japan with a network of three to five-person cells, is called the Basic State Security Staff Group.
4. The group is headed by CHANG Hong-ik (張 鴻 翼), aged 26, a student from Keio University. His deputy is YI Wun-Kyŏng (李 雲 慶), aged 24, from Waseda University. There are three women in the party. The trainees were to be enrolled in their course early in February; until then they were staying at the Central Hotel (former Korea Hotel) in Pyongyang.

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